

# Southport Sampler

## December 2023

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Happy last month of 2023! How can this possibly be? Wasn't it just yesterday when it was sunny and warm and all the flowers were in bloom? I don't think I'm quite ready for the upcoming winter season, though this dusting of snow sure is starting to put me in the Christmas spirit!

Our last craft fair at Gateway is upon us. Please get your last-minute craft donations to Donna or pay the \$25. And if you are in a giving mood, consider making another item for the Anderson Gift Shop.

Donna will be taking donations throughout the year for them.

Our annual Holiday party is fast approaching, too! We will be squeezing in a very short business meeting into the festivities. I'm looking forward to tasting a lot of homemade treats and seeing what ornament I will get. The party is always a nice way to end the year with our quilting friends.

January and February will be quiet months for the Guild. We won't be having our regular meetings, though we will have a Budget meeting on Feb. 12 to set the funding for our upcoming year. I'm sure many of us will be hunkering down and quilting something fun during those months. Some of you might find it a good time to declutter and organize, too. I found a wonderful tool from Sarah Ruiz that has helped me with my UFOs. You can find the attachment for it in the email that this newsletter is from.

So here's to a wonderful end to 2023. May all your points match, your quarter inch seam stays scant, and most of all, you enjoy yourself while you quilt!

Happy Holidays!

Kim Voss



Southport Quilters  
Guild  
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### Our Guild Mission

The objective and purpose of this Guild shall be:

- 1) To recognize, explore and promote, through the organized effort of a non-profit organization, the potential of the quilting medium.
- 2) To establish an educational environment conducive to the development of quilting.
- 3) To interest people of the area in participating and sharing in the development of quilting through a non-profit organization.

2023—2024 Officers & Directors

President	Kim Voss 2024
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*Two Year terms are served through April of year indicated after each officer's name.*



**Sunshine  
Committee**

If you know anyone in the Guild who has been ill or had a family tragedy, please contact Liz Spannraft at 847-731-1603

or  
dsls@calcon.net

Happy Holidays quilters!

We would like to thank everyone that took home packets of FPP to participate in the making of the 2025 raffle quilt. Everyone did a fabulous job! When we pulled everything out of the bags and started auditioning the stars and the arcs to make a block, we were overwhelmed by the color and how stunning this quilt is going to be!

With the upcoming Holidays, we are going to do some working on our own on the quilt. However, we will have some blocks at the December meeting ready to be sewn if anyone is interested. They will be curved seams and we'd like to have them returned to us no later than January 10 or 11. And again, if you have any problems or questions you can contact either of us, or if you just can't get the block done, no problem. Return it and we'll take care of it. Our goal is to have the top together by the March 2024 meeting (EEEE!!!).

In the meantime, any questions or suggestions you have please feel free to contact us.

Thanks again to all of you for your enthusiasm and support!

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**Southport Quilters Guild**

We meet on the 1st Monday of each month except for national holidays or pandemics in the months of **March through December**, located at:

October, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 8760 – 37th Ave, Kenosha  
Board Meetings via Zoom or in person, the week before the meeting

### 2023-2024 Committee Chairs

Anderson Quilt Show	Lori Brown
Block of the Month	Debby Gillmore
Challenge Quilts	Liz Spannraft
Comfort 4 a Cause Quilts	Peg Malmberg, liaison
Craft Fair Chair	Carol Rannow & Kristine Pegues
Holiday Potluck 2023	Lynda Ryan, Gayle Collins, Donna Nicolazzi, Susan Binzel, Elaine McInally, Tara Zerzanek, Kitty Plovanich
Hospitality	Altea Mieske
Kenosha County Fair	Sherilynn Klamm
Mentor Program	Peg Malmberg
Monthly Door Prizes	Mary Gustafson
Nomination Committee, 2024	Judy Blum
Picnic 2023	Kim Voss
Raffle Quilt—2025	Kitty Plovanich & Heidie Peterson
Raffle Quilt Promo, 2024	Needed
Raffle Tickets, 2024/25	Sandy Becker & Tara Zerzanak
Shalom Center	Kitty Plovanich
Spring Banquet—2024	TBD
Sunshine Committee	Liz Spannraft



#### Challenge Quilts at North Side Library:

The Anderson Quilt show was a resounding success. The number of people who visited, the number of questions answered by Docents, the innovative and colorful quilts shown and the sales in the Gift shop all contributed to making this year's quilt show a wonderful experience. Now the Challenge quilts are on display in the entry way of the North Side Kenosha Library, and voting is as

easy as following a QR code and voting for your favorite. Encourage your friends and family to see what you do with all those scraps!



**Eva Paige**  
QUILT DESIGNS  
inspired designs, relaxed attitude



## Carpenter's Apprentice Workshop

Our April speaker will be Beth Helfter of EvaPaige Quilt Designs and she will also be available to teach this workshop in conjunction with her presentation on accordion sewn half square triangles. The quilt as shown finishes at 40" x 40". The pattern is included in the workshop cost and there is prep work to be

done before the class. This is a SIX HOUR workshop with a break for a brown bag lunch.

**Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2024.**

Location: St. Paul's OR Kenosha County Center. TBD

Cost: \$100.00. Includes the pattern.

Registration is limited. Deadline for registration is March 6th-after that registration will be opened to non-members.

<https://www.youtube.com/@evapaigequilt designs1818>



## Craft Fair Donations

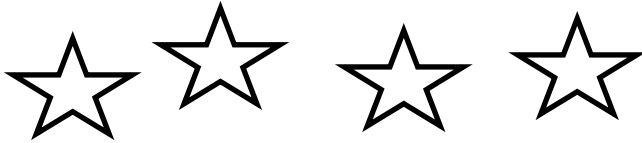
Part of our guild membership responsibilities is to donate an item or items to the guild that can be sold at craft fairs or the Anderson Art Center for \$25 or more. It's not too late to turn in your donation. Bring your donation to the December meeting and give it to Donna Makouske or contact her at 262-515-0345 to arrange a drop-off time. Please include your name, the item's dimensions and a suggested price for each item.

If you are unable to donate an item this year, you are expected to make a \$25 donation to the guild. Please make your check out to Southport Quilters Guild for \$25 and give it to Donna Makouske. Big sellers were the table runners, advent calendars, hot pads, and pot holders. We are in need of a lot more merchandise

## Get ready for the 2024 Quilt Challenge



"I'm a Star". You supply your own fabric with stars on it. Start shopping. Any questions contact Liz Spannraft



### Block of the month note:

Please hold your completed 9 1/2" Squared half square triangle as I was not in attendance at the November meeting. I will pick them up at the next meeting (December). At that time, I will provide further instruction and provide another block pattern to make. Just a hint, the new block will also contain half square triangles. Thank you in advance for your participation and your understanding.

See you at the party.  
Debby Gillmore



### DATES TO REMEMBER:

#### Program Schedule:

If you have any questions regarding workshops, Please contact Pat Frieman: [patfrieman@gmail.com](mailto:patfrieman@gmail.com)

**First and Last Thursday, most months:** Crafting from 9:30 to 2:30, at Lord of Life Church, 5601 Washington Rd

#### Library Crafts, monthly:

**First Monday, North Kenosha Library**  
**First Wed, Simmons Kenosha Library**  
**Fiber Arts Company: Northside, 6-8pm**

**November 30, Last 2023 meeting for Comfort for a Cause, to be resumed after the thaw (that is March 2024)**

**December 4, Holiday Party gifts, crafts and great food!**

**January & February: Hibernation**

**March: Schoolhouse class on binding**

**April: Beth Helfner of EvaPaige Quilt design & Workshop on Carpenters Apprentice Pattern (see attachment)**

**Craft Fairs, 2023—Save the Date!**

**December 9 Gateway Tech, Kenosha**

#### Ongoing:

**Block of the month; 9.5" complete half square triangle of contrasting colors**

## Local Craft Fairs, Shows

### **Saturday, December 9, 2023 Gateway Technical Art Fair**

<https://www.gtc.edu/business-community/additional-information/community-events/holiday-gifting-art-fair> 9:00 am - 3:00 pm 3520 30th Ave

### **December 16, 2023 Fox Cities Expo Gift & Craft Show**

355 W Lawrence St, Appleton, WI 54911

You May Find Carvings, Xmas Toys, Stained Glass, Dried Flowers, Dolls, Quilts, Macrame, Ceramics, Jewelry, Junque, Miniatures, Candle Making, Rosemaling, Stitchery, Blown Glass, Leather Products, Candy, Bakery, Wooden Toys, Collector Items, Doll Accessories, Paintings, Holiday Gifts, Copper Art, Decorations, Folk Art, Specialty Items, 1000's of One of a Kind items and much more! Join the fun!

### **December 4, 2023 Holiday party starting at 5:30, St Paul's Lutheran Church**

Happy Holidays!

The Holiday Party committee is all set to welcome you to our festivities Monday December 4 at St. Paul's at 5:30PM!

As a reminder, we will be serving shredded beef and turkey with rolls if you wish to make a sandwich; there will be coffee, tea and water and cake! We are asking members to bring a dish to pass as follows according to the first letter of your last name:

A - G cold side dish

H - M appetizer

N - S hot side dish

T - Z cookies or bars

Please make only a single recipe of your dish as we always have so much food and also bring 2 serving utensils.

If you are participating in the ornament exchange, don't forget to bring your ornament along with a card cut in two pieces.

We will be collecting for the Shalom Center if you wish to donate.

The only other thing we ask is that you bring your appetite and the desire to have a great time!!!

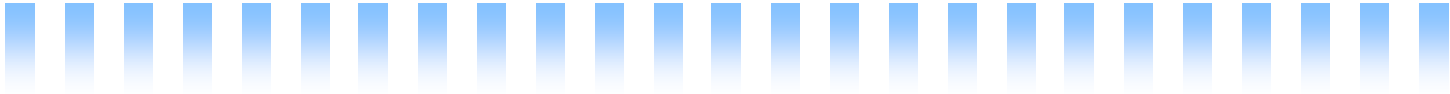
Looking forward to seeing everyone Monday!

2023 Holiday Party Committee

SPREAD THE WORD

There will be several Board of Director positions that need to be filled in 2024. The nomination committee is asking the general membership to provide their suggestions at the November meeting. The 7 open BOD positions will be:

- 1. President
- 2. 1st VP/Program
- 3. Secretary
- 4. 3 Directors



**Lemon Blueberry Trifle**

Cut cake into 1" cubes

- 1 9x13 lemon cake, baked and cooled
- 2 boxes instant lemon pudding mix, per package instructions
- 16 oz cool whip topping
- .5 c Lemon curd
- .5 c crushed shortbread cookies
- 1 C fresh blueberries (and a few for garnish)
- Zest of 1 lemon, lemon slices to garnish

- Layer ingredients in a glass bowl, in the following order:
- cake cubes, with a few blueberries
  - lemon curd
  - pudding
  - cookie crumbs
  - blue berries
  - cool whip

Up to 1 day before: bake cake, allow to cool completely. Mix pudding, let set.

Layer a second time. Refrigerate at least 2 hours (or overnight). Garnish with lemon zest, blueberries, lemon slices



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 Closed Tuesdays

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**Community Service Program —Shalom Food Pantry**

Thank you for all you do and just "keep quilting"  
<http://shalomcenter.org/needs.html>



**Our mission is simple: serve the community through food, shelter and supportive ways. We believe that this mission will help realize a greater vision: self-sufficiency by maximizing the potential of people**



**Sew 'n Save**  
of Racine

**ALL CLASSES & EVENTS**

**Are available in limited numbers.**

See our Facebook Patchwork Party in Sept, Oct

[www.sewnsaveofracine.com](http://www.sewnsaveofracine.com)

262-554-8708

262-554-6445 (direct line to the Fabric Gallery)

Monday through Friday: 10:00 am - 5:30 pm    Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Sunday: Closed

**Did you know that Sew 'n Save has a You Tube Channel?**

Please check out what we have posted. We are adding new content all the time, so make sure you click the **subscribe** button so you don't miss anything!



Patchwork Party Live! - Join us live on Facebook!  
6:00P The second Monday of every month!

## Comfort 4 A Cause

We are a group of volunteers working together to supply comfort to those in need in our community. Knit, crochet and sewing of all skill levels welcome. Supported by Tabitha's sisters, Serenity quilt shop, Women of the Kenosha Moose Lodge, Southport Quilters Guild and Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club.

**For more information or questions check our Facebook page, call Kim Hemphill phone 262- 914 -4543 or email Kim at [lillykim@hotmail.com](mailto:lillykim@hotmail.com)**

Comfort 4 A Cause will meet twice a month at the Lord of Life Church, 5601 Washington Rd – Kenosha from 9:30-2:30 on the first Thursday and the last Thursday of the month, excepting December and January. Join us for the day or as much time as you can.

***The only requirement is that it must spark Joy***

